

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title insert:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention--

Page 1, after line 8 insert:

--2. Description of the Related Art--

Page 3, before first full paragraph insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 3, first full paragraph and paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4:

--The objective of the invention is to develop a reliable, inexpensive handle of the aforementioned type, which can be produced quickly and easily. In accordance with the invention, ~~this objective is achieved by the measures specified in Claim 1, which have the following special significance.~~

—Essentially essentially two assemblies are used to produce the push-button switch. There is a first assembly, which is produced as a single piece in a three-plastic-component injection-

molding technique and will be referred to hereinafter simply as the "shell unit". This shell unit consists of a nondeformable shell-like housing, an elastic membrane that seals the base of the visible end of the shell, and a nondeformable push button on the membrane at the base. The shell unit has a shell-like opening on its rear side opposite the membrane. The second assembly is preassembled from the following individual parts: a circuit board with electrical feed and conduction cables and a microswitch mounted on the circuit board. This second assembly is inserted into the interior of the shell unit and thus constitutes an "insertion unit".--

Page 5, after line 4 insert:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 5, second full paragraph:

-- Figure 1 ~~shows~~ is a perspective view of the handle of the invention in the unmounted state before being installed in a door.

Page 6, before fifth paragraph insert:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Delete pages 13 and 14.